

MRS. JOHN J. ASTOR



Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who was Miss Madeline Force, enters the lists for the social leadership of New York and the world.

SAYS HE'S LOYAL TO TAFT

Postmaster General Hitchcock Declares That He Has Never Had Misunderstanding With President.

Washington, Jan. 24.—"I am for Taft as strong as a man can be," declared Postmaster General Hitchcock, at the White House. "I did not realize until a day or two ago how far these stories about my alleged differences with the president had gone. I probably shall have something to say on the subject."

Mr. Hitchcock manifested great indignation that his loyalty had been questioned.

"It is an insult for any one to think that I have been disloyal to the president," said the postmaster general at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting. "I cannot conceive how any friend of mine could believe such a report. I have never had a misunderstanding with the president and do not know where all these reports have come from."

ROYALTY HAS STRENUOUS DAY

Duke of Connaught and Party Are Given Round of Entertainments Ending in Reception and Dance.

New York, Jan. 24.—The Duke of Connaught and his party, who are in New York on a visit to Ambassador Reid and Mrs. Reid, were given a touch of the "strenuous" yesterday in a round of entertainments that embraced practically everything known to New Yorkers as sightseeing.

The day's luncheon at the Reid home was somewhat lengthy. Theodore Roosevelt was there by special invitation and after the ladies had retired from the dining room, the duke, Mr. Reid and Colonel Roosevelt engaged in a long and animated conversation.

The dinner, reception and dance given at night by Mr. Reid made a fitting and brilliant end of the day. There were 60 persons present at the dinner and about 200 at the dance. The decorations were the most elaborate seen in New York in years.

STUDENTS ADDICTED TO DRUG

School Boys Buy "Dope" of Men Who Loaf at Barber Shop Near Institution of Learning.

Toledo, O., Jan. 24.—That scores of high school boys have become addicted to the use of heroin, a drug resembling morphine, was revealed here when a 16-year-old junior, after being arrested for his strange actions, revealed the fact to the police.

A watch case from which the works had been removed and which was filled with heroin was given by the boy to Chief Probation Officer Gorham. The boy said men who loaf at a barber shop near the school sold the drug and that the vendors purchase it at a drug store but a short distance from the school building.

LOVERS HAVE ROUGH RIDE

Youth and Girl Clad in Man's Clothing Run Away, Riding on Bumpers of Freight Train.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 24.—Annie Eckert, 16, and D. B. Stull, 25, both of Akron, were arrested in East Youngstown on suspicion. The girl was wearing man's clothing and the couple jumped from a freight train.

They said they had run away to get married after they had earned enough money to start life together. They reached Jeannette, Pa., but were unsuccessful in finding employment. The man said they decided to tramp back to Akron. Mayor Hamilton and others in East Youngstown will aid them or their way.

Death Reveals Hidden Money. Bowling Green, O., Jan. 24.—Buried in a pile of German papers in the garret, \$900 in currency has just been discovered in the house near West of Peter Fackelman, a recluse, who was found dead recently. The coroner already had found on Fackelman's person \$6,874 in securities and cash. The money and 40 acres of land are bequeathed to his sister's children in Germany.

Medicines that aid nature are always most effective. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its superior excellence. Sold by all dealers.

Fuel. It seems the automobile cranks have very deeply sinned—Think of their wasting gasoline when they can burn the wind. —Dallas News.

HARTZELL'S Pre-Inventory Sale

Every Men's and Young Men's Suit

will be sold at 33 1-3 per cent less than former price.

\$40 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$28.66
\$30 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$20.00
\$20 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$13.66
\$15 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$10.00
\$10 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$6.66
\$35 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$23.66
\$25 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$16.66
\$18 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$12.00
\$12 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$8.00
\$8 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$5.66

These Suits and Overcoats consist only of the highest standard makes—Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Michael Stern, Society Brand, Levy Bros., and others.

A lot of Young Men's Suits, worth \$10 and \$12, will be closed out (sizes 16 to 20) for \$3.98

Our Manhattan Shirts

are still on sale. Remember this opportunity is only semi-annual.

\$1.50 SHIRTS NOW	\$1.15
\$2.00 SHIRTS NOW	\$1.38
\$3.00 SHIRTS NOW	\$1.88
\$3.50 and better Shirts now	\$2.45

These Shirts are pleated, negligee and stiff bosom.

Every Child's Suit or O'coat

will be sold 33 1-3 per cent less than former prices.

\$15 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$10.00
\$10 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$6.66
\$6 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$4.00
\$4 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$2.66
\$2.50 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$2.00
\$12 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$8.00
\$8 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$5.66
\$5 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$3.66
\$3 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$2.00
\$2 SUITS OR OVERCOATS	\$1.66

We can fit the baby two years old, or the school boy 18 years of age. Never before was there such a reduction on our Children's Department.

You Still Have a Chance to Buy a Fur Lined Overcoat

At Less Than Actual Cost

\$25 FUR LINED OVERCOATS	\$16.98
\$50 FUR LINED OVERCOATS	\$33.98
\$100 FUR LINED OVERCOATS	\$66.98
\$35 FUR LINED OVERCOATS	\$19.98
\$75 FUR LINED OVERCOATS	\$49.98
\$150 FUR LINED OVERCOATS	\$99.98

A lot of soiled Shirts, worth \$1 to \$2, will be closed out (all sizes) at .69c

A lot of soiled Shirts worth 75c and 59c, will be closed out (all sizes) at .29c

A lot of Angora Tam-o'-shanter Hats, worth \$1.00 and \$1.50 will be closed out at .19c

Men's and Children's Caps

A lot of Men's and Children's Caps, worth 50c, will be closed out at .25c

Ladies' and Children's Knit Toques

A lot of Ladies' and Children's Knit Toques, worth 50c, will be closed out (all colors) at .39c

BOY'S PANTS

A lot of Boys' straight Pants, worth \$1.00 and \$1.50, will be closed out (sizes 3 to 17) at .89c

All Underwear reduced—All Fur Caps

Reduced—All Fur Gloves Reduced—All

Sweater Coats Reduced—All Men's Pants

Reduced—All Children's Bloomers Reduced—All Hats Reduced—All Flannel

Shirts Reduced—All Bathrobes Reduced

All Combination Sets and Xmas Novelties Reduced—All Smoking Jackets Reduced.



141-143 West Federal Street,

Youngstown, Ohio

Positively No Goods Charged or Sent Out on Approval During This Sale

Miss French's High Hopes

Mrs. Smithers had spoken so tenderly and so often of her son John that Miss French felt that she, the flattered recipient of those precious confidences, might even be willing to accept the name of Smithers, in exchange for hers, for such perfection and virtue would come with it.

Miss French was passing a few weeks at a health resort. There she had fallen into the company of Mrs. Smithers so much that she felt it was no coincidence when she found Mrs. Smithers seated in her favorite corner sewing or when she went for a walk to the springs and found Mrs. Smithers slowly moving thitherward, to be easily overtaken.

On all such occasions Mrs. Smithers revealed in blissful recollections of beauties other son's character or in golden dreams of his future.

Miss French listened with a fluttering bosom. It was not surprising that her previously untouched heart throbbed deliciously when Mrs. Smithers told of the chivalry in her son John's nature.

The listened with something of the mother's own excited intensity for the carriage wheels on the day of John's arrival. The thought even crossed her mind that she ought to express her appreciation of Mrs. Smithers for giving her this great pleasure. She pictured herself as she might be in the future, as a blooming Mrs. Smithers, sheltered and protected by John, the envy of all her friends, the possessor of absolute happiness.

Why did she feel so hopeful? Well, hadn't Mrs. Smithers assured her that John was so attached to his mother that he wouldn't dream of falling in love without his mother's sanction?

And hadn't Mrs. Smithers looked the world over in vain for a wife worthy of John—looked until she was almost tempted to admit that there wasn't a girl in the world capable of filling that exalted position? But now—

Then Mrs. Smithers had smiled meaningly at Miss French and had patted her hand. Wasn't that reason enough for Miss French to anticipate a perfect future?

When the carriage finally arrived Miss French watched with an intensity that hurt, as each passenger stepped out of it. But when it was finally emptied she sighed a deep, deep sigh of regret.

He hadn't come! She reached for Mrs. Smithers' hand to comfort the poor mother—but it was gone, and so was Mrs. Smithers.

With outstretched arms Mrs. Smithers was racing down the walk toward a wizened little man with a fast increasing bald spot and a propensity for loud talk, who was bickering with the driver over his fare and demanding his rights in a high pitched voice that reminded Miss French of a Punch and Judy show.

His mother reached John before his transaction was completed, and she threw herself into his arms before he was aware of her presence.

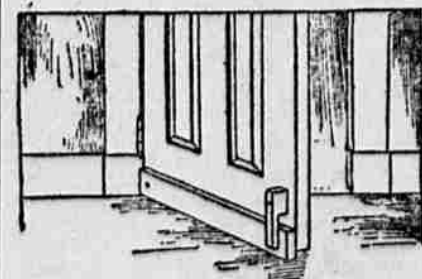
"Oh, hello, ma!" he said, casually, but in a penetrating voice. "It was sort of hard to get away—my books didn't balance last night, and I thought I'd have to stay over another day—but I fixed them. Here, ma, you carry this satchel, will you? I'll carry the other one."



WEATHER STRIP FOR A DOOR
Piece of Board Automatically Arranged to Take Place of Mats and Pieces of Carpet.

The floors of an old house I used for a residence were not very level, especially in the hall. The inside partition had settled, making the floor in the hall so much out of level, says a Canadian writer in Popular Mechanics, that the outside front door and also the inside vestibule door did not fit close to the floor.

There was an open space of about two inches on one side when the door was shut. Mats or pieces of carpet



Automatic Weather Strip.

were kept against the door to keep out the cold air. When the door was opened, the mats would cause trouble. I devised an automatic weather strip, as shown in the sketch, to take the place of the mats.

The strip was made of a piece of wood three-quarters-inch thick and three inches wide, with a length equal to the width of the door. One end was fastened to the door with a screw on the side near the high part of the floor, in this case the hinged side of the door.

A piece of wood was cut out and fastened to the opposite side to act as a keeper for the strip of wood. A piece of cloth was wrapped around the stick to make it close fitting and to lessen the noise when opening and closing the door. The movable strip would slip over the uneven floor and close the opening when the door was shut.

Do not allow your kidney and bladder trouble to develop beyond the reach of medicine. Take Foley Kidney Pills. They give quick results and stop irregularities with surprising promptness. F. Morris, Canfield.

GRUB HOOK IS SATISFACTORY

Implement Made of Octagonal Steel Five Feet Long Found Useful in Grubbing Land.

There are lots of holly berries and grease brush here that bother in grubbing land. I have just cleared a 40-acre piece and used a home-made grub hook which was very satisfactory, says a California writer in the Farm and Home. It is made of a piece of 1½-inch octagonal steel 5 feet long.



A Strong Grub Hook.

This is sharpened at both ends and bent double to make the tines, which are 3½ inches apart and 18 inches long. This piece of steel is bolted to a hard-wood lever by which it is operated. A pry block 4x16 is clamped on at the bottom of the lever. In the top end of the lever is a clevis to which a horse may be hitched. A good many roots I can pull out by hand, but some are large enough to require a horse.

TO KILL GRASSHOPPER EGGS

Any Tool That Will Bring Them to Surface During Cold Weather Will Destroy Millions.

Nearly all our worst crop pests are within reach of shallow working tools during the egg or pupal stage, which they spend in the ground. Grasshopper eggs have just enough covering to protect them from sudden freezing and thawing, and it is no doubt sudden thawing which destroys them, as no amount of combined cold storage hurts. In fact, the case is not much different from a potato or apple blossom, which if thawed out slowly enough, will come out normal, but suddenly subjected to heat will be destroyed. There is a protective covering to the grasshopper egg which is sufficient when kept undisturbed to preserve it, but stands but little exposure to sun and air. If you will take some of the eggs and expose them to the hot sun, where birds cannot get at them and carry them off, you will be hard put to it to find them after exposure. Their substance seems to evaporate. Any tool that will disturb them and bring them to the surface during fall, winter or early spring, will destroy millions, and this is true of larvae as well, so that harrowing, disking or renovating accomplishes a good deal more than establishing a soil mulch.

The "Baby McKee" Jokes.

One day, in the course of business, I found myself in Mrs. Harrison's presence. That she was suffering keenly needed no telling. She had been reading some of the newspapers; and as I approached she raised her eyes and exclaimed:

"Oh, Colonel Crook, what have we done?"

Shocked at her appearance I said: "I do not understand, madam. What do you mean?"

"What have we ever done," she exclaimed, "that we should be held up to ridicule by newspapers, and the president be so cruelly attacked, and even his little, helpless grandchildren be made fun of, for the country to laugh at?"

For a moment I did not know what to reply; and she continued:

"If this is the penalty for being president of the United States, I hope the good Lord will deliver my husband from any further experience."

W. H. Crook in "Memories of the White House."

Fan-Sighted Editor.

The editor of an up-state weekly had advertised a year's subscription as a prize for the largest potato grown in the community. The competition waxed warm, and the enterprising newspaper man was hard pressed to accommodate the scores of tubers which flooded the printing office. His competitor, meeting him on the street, attempted to "kid" the potato booster on his "commission market."

"You don't expect to increase your circulation this way?" scoffed the rival.

"Here's the proposition," answered the editor. "I'm out a dollar and a half subscription. But as near as I can figure spuds at 85 cents a bushel, I'm in exactly seven dollars. I'm going to try rutabagas next!"—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Liked Variety.

When six-year-old Harry was saying his prayers at his mother's knee one night he failed to say "Amen."

"Harry," asked his mother, "haven't you forgotten something?"

"Oh, say, mamma," was the response, "I'm tired of always saying 'Amen.' I'm going to say 'A woman.'"

And he did.

Doom of the Schoolmaster.

Reports of the national bureau of education show a remarkable falling off in the comparative number of male teachers throughout the country.

In 1900, about 30 per cent of the teachers were men. Ten years later the census showed only 21 per cent.

During the same period, the percentage of males attending normal schools fell from 26 to 21 per cent.

Even in the country schools where the services of men teachers formerly were considered a necessity in the winter, there has been a large percentage of increase in the number of women.

With a continuation of such conditions, it would appear that the calling of the teacher will pass almost entirely into the hands of women within a comparatively few years.

The "Hoosier schoolmaster" and his once great tribe seem doomed to figure in the pages of history and not in the activities of life in the future.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR A GOOD STOMACH

This Offer Should Be a Warning to Every Man and Woman.

The newspapers and medical journals recently have had much to say relative to a famous millionaire's offer of a million dollars for a new stomach.

This great multi-millionaire was too busy to worry about the condition of his stomach. He allowed his dyspepsia to run from bad to worse until in the end it became incurable.

His misfortune serves as a warning to others.

Every one who suffers with dyspepsia for a few years will give everything he owns for a new stomach.

Dyspepsia is commonly caused by an abnormal state of the gastric juices, or by lack of tone in the walls of the stomach. The result is that the stomach loses its power to digest food.

We are now able to supply certain missing elements—to help to restore power, and to aid in making the stomach strong and well.

We know that Bixal Dyspepsia Tablets are a most dependable remedy for disordered stomachs, indigestion, and dyspepsia.

We want you to try them and will return your money if you are not more than satisfied with the result.

Three sizes, 25 cents, 50 cents, and \$1.00. Remember, you can obtain Bixal Remedies in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store, F. A. Morris, Canfield.